



c/o NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION • 530 SOUTH KING STREET ROOM 406 • HONOLULU, HAWAII, 96813  
PHONE (808) 768-3710 • FAX (808) 768-3711 • INTERNET: <http://www.honolulu.gov/nco>

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016**  
**Hau'ula Community Center**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Pro Tem Verla Moore called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. **Quorum was established with six (6) members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present – Randall Au, John Elkington, Kent Fonoimoana, Dee Dee Letts, Verla Moore, and Jacob Nihipali.

Members Absent – Vanley Auna, Kela Miller, Louis Prescott, and Diane Tafua.

Guests – Firefighter Steve Jenness (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Mark Kuroda (Honolulu Police Department); Jeremy Pitaniello (United States Army); Adam Lefebvre (Mayor Kirk Caldwell); Barry Usrgawe (Board of Water Supply); Michael Sakata (Council Chair Ernie Martin); Representative Feki Pouha; Derek Chow and Michael Wong (United States Army Corps of Engineers); Joe Schwagerl, Greg Davis (Olelo); Mark Yonamine, Curtis Matsuda, Scott Bradshaw, Jim and Shannon Wood, Joshua Lee, Cliff and Desi Poteet, Junior Primacio, DiDi Herron, Ella and David Siroskey Andrea Anixt, Andre Carreiro, Cathleen Mattoon, KC Connors, Sean Quinlan, Marvin Iseke, Georgia Gonzaga, Rosanne Sakamoto, Larry Nihipali, John Olszowka; Sharon Baillie (Neighborhood Commission Office).

## Recognition of Board Member Creighton Mattoon

- Moment of Silence – Chair Pro Tem Moore called for a moment of silence for the passing of Creighton Mattoon.
- Resolution – Letts read a resolution from the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) in recognition of Creighton Mattoon and the service he provided to his community.
- Condolence – Elkington read a letter of condolence from Mayor Caldwell on the passing of Creighton Mattoon.

### Election of Officers to Serve from July 2016 to June 2017

**Election of Chair** – Fonoimoana nominated Letts. Nihipali nominated Moore. There were no other nominations for chair. There were two (2) votes for Letts (Fonoimoana and Letts) and four (4) votes for Moore (Au, Elkington, Moore, and Nihipali). **A chair was not nominated as the required six (6) votes was not reached.**

Letts motioned and Fonoimoana seconded to hold over the election of officers to the September 2016 meeting. **The motion passed by a show of hands, 6-0-0 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, Nihipali, and Moore; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

**Meeting Determination – Date/Time/Location**

Letts motioned and Fonoimoana seconded to keep the meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Hau'ula Community Center. **The motion failed by a show of hands, 2-4-0 (AYE: Fonoimoana and Letts; NAY: Au, Elkington, Nihipali, and Moore; ABSTAIN: None).**

Elkington motioned to keep the meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m., rotating to different areas of the community. **There was no second.** The board will hold over the determination of date/time/location to the September 2016 meeting.

Determination of Board Recess Schedule – Moore noted that the board usually recesses in December and July.

Letts motioned and Fonoimoana seconded to recess the board meetings in December 2016 and July 2017. **The motion passed by a show of hands, 6-0-0 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, Nihipali, and Moore; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Captain Steven Jenness reported the following:

- July 2016 – Ka'a'awa Engine 21 had 8 medical emergencies and 1 motor vehicle crash/collision. Hau'ula Engine 15 had 1 structure fire, 1 wildland/brush fire, 1 nuisance fire, with 4 activated alarms. There were 19 medical emergencies and 3 motor vehicle crashes/collisions. Kahuku Engine 13 had 3 wildland/brush fires with 1 activated alarm. There were 10 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle crash/collision, and 2 ocean rescues.
- Fire Safety Tip – Smoke Alarms:
  - Maintenance – Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home. Working smoke alarms save lives and decreases the risk of dying in a home fire in half. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. If the smoke alarm has a nine (9) – volt battery, change it annually. The entire smoke alarm should be replaced every 10 years.
  - Smoke Alarms For Everyone (SAFE) – The Honolulu Fire Department will be conducting its SAFE program from Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to Friday, September 16, 2016. If anyone is interested in receiving a free smoke alarm installation, please call 723-7167 for more information.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Rescues and Alarms – A resident asked if there was a limit to the number of free smoke alarms, Jenness noted that there was not a limit listed. The resident added that when there are ocean rescues off of the Kahuku golf course, all fire stations should have a key to unlock the gate in order to get easier access in case of an emergency, as such happened with the fisherman needing rescuing.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Michael Kuroda reported the following:

- July 2016 – There were 8 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 15 thefts, and 4 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV's).
- Police Safety Tip – Drug Use: Drugs do not discriminate and affect all ages and walks of life. Get to know your children's friends and their parents.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Repaving – Fonoimoana explained the traffic fiasco was due to the repaving of roads and fixing of bridges and inquired if there was a better way to contra flow. Kuroda noted that he has spoken with contractors doing the road work about contra flow issues and suggested ways to ease the traffic,
2. Camping – Letts stated that they are working with the Councilmember to get no camping signs put up at beach parks and added that people are illegally putting up parking cones and chains blocking off parking stalls for their friends and family to use.
3. Vehicles and Crimes – Moore asked what needs to be done to tow an abandoned vehicle that is now up on four (4) cement blocks and missing wheels, and added that thefts of mopeds and vehicles are increasing with some people getting out of jail the day after committing the crime and committing more infractions. Kuroda said that the vehicle needs to be reported to the abandoned vehicle division in order to get towed away and added that he as well as others are frustrated with the way the system works with people committing crimes and getting right out of jail.
4. Road Blocks – L. Nihipali inquired about the road blocks during storms and warnings of storms. Kuroda encouraged everyone to sign up for NIXLE in order to know in real time when there are road blocks due to severe storms and that they often do not have a lot of time to put warnings of road blocks during storms because they also have to work with informing citizens to evacuate.
5. Sufficient – Iseke stated he was requested flooding signs near the Waikane Bridge and asked if the signs and equipment that were available is enough for the areas when there is an emergency type situation. Kuroda added that most of the time the resources made available are more than enough.
6. Marijuana – Herron inquired to the upcoming marijuana pharmacies and asked what regulations would be in place. Kuroda noted he did not have any information on potential pharmacies in the area. Herron asked how many home break-ins took place in the month of July 2016 in the Punalu'u area, in which Kuroda stated only two (2) break-ins took place in the entire Koolauloa area.
7. Cars – Olszowka thanked HPD for cleaning up the front yard of the Kahuku Police Station, which had been riddled with a lot of vehicles, but now only contains a few.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **The board approved the June 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes, 6-0-0 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, Moore, and Nihipali; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Treasurers Report – Chair Pro Tem Moore reported a monthly expenditure of \$23.34 and a remaining balance of \$360. The report was filed.

#### PUNALU'U SEAT VACANCY/NOMINATION/SELECTION

Cliff Poteet introduced himself and noted his interest in filling the board vacancy.

Letts nominated Poteet to fill the Punalu'u seat vacancy as requested by the Punalu'u Community Association and by the Mattoon's.

**Poteet was not nominated to fill the vacancy by a voice vote, 5-0-1 (AYE: Au, Elkington, Fonoimoana, Letts, and Nihipali; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Moore).**

Moore added that she would like the missing board members to have a say so at the next board meeting in the filing of the vacancy.

#### NEW BUISNESS

Kahuku Comprehensive Flood Study Update – Derek Chow reported the following: Flood Mitigation – The United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is working with the Department of Education (DOE), Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction (DDC), to start a comprehensive study to develop flood mitigation alternatives, integrate and update hydraulic data in the Kahuku areas based on previous studies and to prepare plans and specifications for the future.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Flood Study – Fonoimoana invited the USARCE to come to the Kahuku Community Association (KCA) to make the same presentation. Chow noted that they would be more than happy to.
2. Funding – Letts asked if funding is guaranteed and Chow answered they are working with their partners in conjunction for the project and would let her know.
3. Sponsor – Elkington asked and Chow answered that the USACE is a contributing sponsor to the current study adding that they have allocated \$200,000 towards the project.
4. Interest – Letts inquired why the previous studies did not gain federal interest, Chow noted that the benefit cost efforts have not been justified before. Fonoimoana added that the cost benefit ratio would be in favor of the community expanding with flood mitigation improvements.
5. Consideration – Primacio asked about considerations of flood mitigation, Chow answered that certain entities are responsible for certain processes in water mitigation.
6. Costs – Olszowka asked and Chow answered that he could not provide a guestimate on the total costs of construction and making fixes to mitigate flooding issues.
7. Construction – A resident inquired as to how long the construction would take on the mitigation project once funding became available. Chow answered that usually construction may take one (1) to two (2) years.

Well Development and Water Sustainability – Barry Usagawa reported the following:

- Status of Wells –
  - Kahuku – The Kahuku Well has been drilled and once funding is available in July 2017 the third pump will be installed and connected to the system to use.
  - Makua – The Makua Well construction is on hold because of issues with the contractor. The work to be done will be adding a second pump.
  - Hau'ula – The Hau'ula Well was built in 1959 and is aging. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has just been completed and construction is estimated to begin construction of the second well in Spring of 2017.
- The Plan – The Water Master Plan notes the values, objectives, the legacy of water sustainability, the complex water system, climate change and other adaptions, sustainability, prioritizing projects based on risk, recommendations, and implementation amongst the importance of water to the people in Hawaii.

Pamphlets of information was made available to the board and audience. For any questions or comments call 748-5347 or email at [bwswatermasterplan@hbws.org](mailto:bwswatermasterplan@hbws.org).

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Water Status – Letts inquired and Usagawa answered that the water master plan is an infrastructure plan and that the Koolauloa plan strategy is to reduce pumping to other regions, noting that the Punalu'u Well was being over pumped in the past, which could affect the aquifers. The amount of water being sent to Koolaupoko has been reduced.
2. Injection – Fonoimoana asked if injecting water into the aquifers instead of letting it go through the natural process of reaching the aquifers would affect the quality and sanitization of water. Usagawa noted that BWS would not do anything to hurt the quality of water for residents and that the storm water being injected into the wells would be treated through a hydroelectric process to help clean the water before reaching the aquifers.
3. Shut Off – L. Nihipali inquired as to how long before a big storm hit, water would be shut off. Usagawa stated that the reservoirs would be filled up completely, and then water would be shut off. If a storm took out fire hydrants and exposed pipes along bridges, the water would be drained and harder to restore water once a tsunami or another type of weather event passed.
4. Access – L. Nihipali asked if the water tank at Kahuku Wells would be available for residents to use, Usagawa noted that there is an access road to Kahuku Tank and the locks to the gates can be provided in an emergency situation to shelter up above water in a storm.
5. Costs – Herron asked if there would be any public private partnerships putting in the infrastructures to the high rises that will be built along the rail.
6. Water – Herron has a water catchment for grey water in Punalu'u and asked if they are going to lower the regulations of what one can do with the water. Usagawa noted that the grey water can be put out on the landscape and would not hurt the aquifers, that what BWS is worried about is the Cesspools, which contain more harmful elements.
7. Military – Primacio asked if the Military depends on our water, and Usagawa answered that the Kaneohe Base uses BWS water, however every other base has their own wells and water supply and do not use BWS water.
8. Cemetery – Iseke inquired if the cemeteries use the BWS water. Usagawa stated that the Kahuku golf course uses potable water from BWS, but is not sure about cemeteries in the area. He added that other cemeteries such as Valley of the Temples have their own wells to draw water from.
9. Turtle Bay – Anixt asked how much water a day Turtle Bay uses. Usagawa said Turtle Bay uses 350,000 gallons of water per day and recycle their waste water and use it for irrigation of the golf course.

US ARMY REPRESENTATIVE – Major Jeremy Pitaniello reported the following:

- Change of Command – Major General Christopher Cavolli will be taking over the command of the 25th Division.
- Preservation – In July 2016 the Army hosted a special volunteer trip for the Hawaii Youth Conservation Core, the Camp Kokua Summer Service Learning Program offered by the University of Hawaii, The Ag Discover Program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Camp Mokuleia staff went out on these natural resource trips to protect rare and endangered plants and animals on Army managed land.
- School Partnership – In April 2016 and May 2016, the Army challenged the Kahuku Intermediate and High School students to come up with an essay regarding ways in which the Army can help with educational experiences at their school. The winner was Maile Segume.
- Tours – Tours of the Kahuku Training Area (KTA) may happen in the near future around October 2016 when the lightening Forge exercises are taking place.

## GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Adam Lefebvre reported the following:

- Priorities – Mayor Kirk Caldwell started with five (5) priorities four (4) years ago in the areas of bus, road repairs, sewers, parks, and rail, and has added a sixth priority being homelessness. Vast advancement and improvements have been made in all areas.
- The Bus – Bus Route 55 is expected to have implemented system improvements by December 2016, adding more frequent intervals.
- Softball Field – The DDC is 80% completed with the Hau'ula Community Softball Field.
- Fire Station – Work has just begun on repairing the Ka'a'awa fires station radio tower.

- Air Conditioning – Work is almost complete on improvement to the air conditioning system at the Kahuku Police Station.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Lights – Au asked and Lefebvre stated he will follow up on the status of the lights at the Kahuku District Park.
2. Homeless Census – Olszowka inquired if the City is taking a census of the homeless population and what percentage of the homeless are transient, asking additionally if it is true other states are providing air fare to Hawaii for the homeless. Lefebvre answered that there is an annual point and time count that helps track the number of homeless, adding that there is no evidence to suggest that states send their homeless to Hawaii, although sometimes people come to Hawaii without a plan and fall into the cycle of homelessness.
3. Sewage Costs – L. Nihipali noted receiving a letter from BWS environmental services division noting the high cost of sewage and the amount of water they are processing at the sewage treatment plant and fixing of the operation of the maintenance system. L. Nihipali asked if private contractors are paying the City to dump their sewage into their system. Lefebvre will follow up if there are fees associated with allowable dumping into sewer systems.
4. Bus – D. Poteet stated that she teaches at Windward Community College (WCC) and students that travel from Koolauloa often have to take multiple buses to get to school. D. Poteet would like to know if there could be a direct bus route to WCC from this side of the island.
5. Homeless Count – Connors noted helping with the annual point and time count and has serious doubts about the data suggesting homelessness is decreasing. Connors would like to know what money is coming to the Koolauloa area to help with the issues of homelessness. Lefebvre will pass the information to Jun Yang from the Office of Housing with the City and enquire to the statistics of the point and time count, also adding that it is hard to find every single homeless person to help if they do not reach out for assistance, however every effort is made to get correct data and provide services.
6. Dumping and Repaving – Herron raised concerns about knowing contractors dumping leftover asphalt on agricultural land, or the owners or people who lease the land asking for people to dump the leftover asphalt from the repaving of highways on their land to smooth out their own roads. Lefebvre noted that usually the City recycles whatever mixture that is left over from repaving projects and will look into this issue.

Council Chair Ernie Martin – Mike Sakata reported the following:

- Bill 36 – City Council has passed Bill 36 which puts regulations on ride hailing companies such as uber and lyft.
- Bus Stop Shelters – DTS welcomes volunteers who want to help maintain bus stop shelters, i.e., cleaning and painting. Depending on the scope of work, DTS provides materials to make improvements to bus stops.
- Route 55 – Three (3) months after funds are released for the restoration to route 55 bus services, the timing of the bus will go back to 30 minute intervals. These changes are estimated to start in December 2016 pending scheduling of the buses and moving bus drivers.

State Senator Gil Riviere – Senator Gil Riviere reported the following:

- Special Session – There was a special session last month to override the veto of the Governor on the Maui Hospital Bill.
- Wind Turbines – The wind turbines of Na Pua Makani are moving forward. Senator Riviere testified at the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) hearing where they accepted the environmental statement. He raised concerns about the size of the windmills and how they would be able to transport the over 200 foot blades. There will be two (2) public hearings. One (1) on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and another on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Both hearings will be held at the Kalanimoku Building, Room 132. Testimony may be emailed to [DLNR.land@hawaii.gov](mailto:DLNR.land@hawaii.gov).
- Section Eight (8) – The Section Eight (8) list will open up for new applicants to apply. The period will be for three (3) days from Tuesday, August 16, 2016 to Thursday, August 18, 2016. More information can be found at [www.hpha.hawaii.gov](http://www.hpha.hawaii.gov).

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Meeting – Fonoimoana thanked Riviere for making comments to the DLNR on the project and inquired if the DLNR could have a meeting in Koolauloa to get opinions from the residents who will have to see and live with the windmills every day.

2. Maui Hospital – Letts asked if there were concerns about ERS losing their nonprofit status from the changes taking place at the Maui Hospital. Riviere confirmed that there were concerns and that lawsuits are being threatened.
3. Laws – Moore stated that there are no laws in the books that stop the wind turbines from being built and encouraged the representatives from the Koolauloa area to help put laws on the books to help protect this area of the island. Moore added that residents of the area should get some incentive such as breaks on bills for living in an area where the windmills create energy and outsource it to other parts of the island. Riviere will do everything to help change the paradigm.
4. Offshore Wind – Senator Riviere noted the offshore windmill project would place windmills seven (7) miles off the shore of Barber's Point and Kaena Point. Comments are still being accepted through Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Olszowka asked if the windmills would be visible from the shore, Riviere stated that they will be six (6) to seven (7) hundred feet tall and visible from the shoreline.
5. Windfarms – Riviere explained that two (2) decisions regarding the Na Pua Makani windmills are still awaiting answers. One (1) is to see if the lease will be granted and the other is if they will accept the conservation plan. A resident added that residents should be able to teleconference in to the hearings from the closed circuit television at the medical center.
6. Signs – Iseke asked and Riviere answered that he put a request in to the Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) last year for signage, and HDOT seemed keen to the idea, but nothing further has happened.
7. Fishing – Herron attended a Bureau for Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) meeting and mentioned that BOEM has not decided on the number of water leases they will be giving out for offshore wind operations.
8. Film – Connors reiterated the importance of the film industry to the community and how it creates jobs for residents. Connors added that Olelo will be pulling out of the community and that this is an importance resource for students and residence to learn a craft.

Representative Feki Pouha – Representative Pouha reported the following:

- Override Veto – There is no appropriation in the budget for the hospital override, there may be a need for legislation to address these issues.
- Kahuku High School (KHS) - \$3 million was appropriated to KHS for different improvements and the funds should be released in September 2016 or October 2016.
- Hepatitis A – The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) is working on identifying the source of the Hepatitis A outbreak, and encourages people to get vaccinated.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Wind Turbines – Fonoimoana voiced his disappointment in not seeing comments from Pouha at the DLNR hearing in regards to the wind turbines. Pouha mentioned that he is introducing legislation and may possibly submit comments to DLNR at the upcoming meetings on wind turbines
2. Resources – Connors stated the importance of having resources for a film and television learning center, reiterating that the Koolauloa area students deserve proper equipment and resources to thrive. Pouha looks forward to working with constituents to provide resources that the children in the community deserve.
3. Gambling – Iseke asked about a survey he received on the subject matter of gambling, Pouha stated that this was just a way to figure out how the community feels about the possibility of legal gambling, which people are largely opposed to. Iseke added he received a BWS bill and had a sewer charge that he does not believe he should pay.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Punalu'u – The Punalu'u Community Association (PCA) will be celebrating their 60th anniversary. C. Poteet invited everyone to join in on the festivities taking place in November 2016.
- Olelo – Olelo is a private nonprofit. Davis stated that Olelo brings services to the community such as the filming of the neighborhood board meetings. Unfortunately due to resources a painful decision has been made to close to Kahuku Center which was sometimes underutilized compared to other locations. The nearest Olelo centers are in Kaneohe and Wahiawa. Connors stated that there is missing footage that still needs to be edited and posted from the Center and would like to know how much it would cost to leave the Olelo Center in Kahuku open. Davis said a hard drive had been found with footage and editing of the footage is being worked on.

- Kupuna – Resident Sakamoto raised concerns about there not being any adult day care services on this side of the island. Sakamoto is interested in starting an adult day care service, since this service is unfortunately missing from the community.
- Marriott – Moore announced that the Marriott Courtyard in Laie will be celebrating their 1st anniversary, with an 'Ulu Festival on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- School – Olszowka announced that Brigham Young University Hawaii (BYUH) started its fall semester on Monday, August 1, 2016 and reminded the board that the athletics program at the school will end in March of 2017. Olszowka congratulated J. Nihipali as the new director of educational outreach at BYUH.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting: The next regular Koolauloa Neighborhood Board No. 28 meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Hau'ula Community Center, 54-010 Kukuna Road, Hau'ula.
- Olelo Broadcasting: The regular Board meetings air on the 4th Friday at 9:00 p.m., and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:00 p.m. on Channel 49.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed by: Relley Araceley, Neighborhood Assistant I  
Reviewed and Approved by: Chair Verla Moore